

FRESNO, CA - Tomorrow, Congressman Jim Costa (D-Fresno) will be available to the media to discuss the recently passed Energy Independence and Security Act and, an overview of the end of the first session of the 110th Congress, and other issues relating to the Valley and Congress.

The Energy Independence and Security Act, which was signed into law on December 19, 2007, is an important first step toward reducing our dependence on foreign sources of energy. Specifically, the bill increases vehicle fuel efficiency standard to 35 miles per gallon by 2020. This increase in fuel efficiency is projected to save American families between \$700 and \$1,000 a year at the gas station. The bill also provides for increased production of biofuels, improving standards for appliances and lighting, and funding for alternative energy research and development.

WHO: Rep. Jim Costa, D-Fresno

WHAT: Media Availability

WHEN: Friday, December 21, 2007 at 11:15am

WHERE: Office of Congressman Jim Costa

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